blood system. Other activities are the encouragement of rational use of blood under which existing facilities will be strengthened and one new component separation facility established in Delhi ; training of all medical and para medical personnel working in blood banks; and. modernisation of government blood banks with equipment and supplies for the proper storage and collection of blood. The system of supervision is being strengthened by provision of additional trained manpower and appropriate facilities. The Drug and Cosmetics Rules are also being amended to make the licensing procedures more stringent.

Surrender by Extremists in Tripura

*133. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the statements made by the extremists who recently surrendered before the Tripuia Chief Minister in the beginning of April this year to the effect that they had been trained and armed in the Chittagong hits in Bangladesh ;

(b) if so, the number of extremists who surrendered, the details of the arms surrendered by them and the precise details of the statements made by them about their militant activities ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SB. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During April, 1992, 10 extremists, five of them ATTF, surrendered before the Chief Minister. The extremists have stated during interrogation that they were involved in forcible collection of subscriptions in interior areas, robbery and dacoity. Five country made muzzle-loading guns, one country made pistol, some gunpowder and a few rounds of ammunition were recovered as unclaimed property. Five of them have stated that they were trained in Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

The question of Indian extremists having camps/bases in Bangladesh has been taken up with that Government. The Government would welcome the misguided militant elements giving up the path of violence.

Use of Hindi in Technical Departments

134. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :
SHRI RAGHAVJI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact , that all the technical departments have more than 80 per cent officers having working knowledge of Hindi ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to publicise and ensure acceptance of research discussion papers in Hindi in all the seminars ; conferences, workshops which are being fully/partly funded by Government Departments or its R&D centres and undertakings ;

(c) what is the policy of various technical departments to ensure acceptance of research papers in Hindi in international conferences ; and

(d) whether there is any special cell in the Department of Official Language to hear grievances of violation of rules for progressive use of Hindi ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Escape by ULFA Leaders

135. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will-the Minister of HOME AFFATRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some ULFA leaders escaped despite surveillance by intelligence agencies in the last week of March, 1992;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the officials responsible for the negligence ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन

*136. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कच्चे तेल के आयात को कम से कम करने और उसके घरेलू उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए कोई समयबद्ध योजना तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अपर्याप्त उत्पादन का एक कारण पर्याप्त मात्रा में आवश्यक धन की उपलब्धता का अभाव है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन बढ़ाने में गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र का सहयोग प्राप्त न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी शंकरानन्द) : (क) और (ख) उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने संबंधी परियोजनाएं कार्यान्वयन के विभिन्न चरणों में है। आठवीं योजना अवधि के अन्त तक कच्चे तेल के देशीय उत्पादन के लगभग 47 मिलियन टन प्रति वर्ष तक पहुंच जाने की आशा है।

(ग) और (घ) इन परियोजनाओं के लिये पर्याप्त धनराशि सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सभी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं जिसमें बहुपक्षीय/द्विपक्षीय और सप्लायरों के ऋण के समझौते शामिल हैं। सरकार ने निजी कम्पनियों के साथ संयुक्त उद्यम के रूप में खोजे गए कुछ तेल क्षेत्रों को विकिसित करने का निर्णय भी सिद्धान्त रूप में लिया है ।

Laparoscopic Sterilization Operations

*137. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of laparoscopic sterilisation operations performed under the National Family Welfare Programme during 1991-92 ;

(b) whether any deaths have taken place as a result thereof ;

(c) if so, the number of such deaths reported during each of the last three years ;

(d) the action taken to train teams for these operations ; and

(e) the details of the guidelines issued to State/Union Territories to eliminate the possibility of deaths caused by this technique of sterilisation ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (e) As per information received from the States and the Union Territories, 2,79,038 laparoscopic sterilisation operations were performed during 1991-92 upto the 30th September, 1991. The complete report for the entire year in respect of all States and Union Territories is awaited from them.

As per the reports so far received from the States and the Union Territories, deaths due to laproscopic sterilisation operations